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DO NOT PASS HB 1181

Chairman Ruby and members of the Human Services Committee:

My name is Kristin Nelson and I am writing to urge a **DO NOT PASS on HB 1181**. This bill was created to erase the existence of queer people in our state. These folks are parents, students, tax payers, and citizens who contribute a lot of themselves to make this state great.

Erasing the references to queer people out of century code does not erase their existence. Queer people have always existed in our state, and they will go on to exist no matter the efforts to degrade and disenfranchise them.

I am truly curious about why legislators care so much about the existence of queer people in North Dakota. People thriving and living their lives should not impact anyone at all, so why does our state seek to overreach and legislate a problem that does not exist? What is the obsession with gender and gender identity? Who will track, test, and pay for these DNA screenings?

The obsession with a group of people existing is incredibly weird and takes away from important work the state could be doing, like housing first to get unhoused people into homes. Feeding children and finding ways to solve the childcare crisis.

If this body wants to be taken seriously, then stop with these culture war bills and vote to **do not pass** this bill.

Respectfully submitted:

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